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Contract

## **Central Digital Architecture & Associated Services**

MONEY AND PENSIONS SERVICE

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

MONEY AND PENSIONS SERVICE

Money & Pensions Service Borough Hall

Bedford

MK429AB

#### **Email**

[commercial@maps.org.uk](mailto:commercial@maps.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH24 - Bedford

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://maps.org.uk/en>

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Central Digital Architecture & Associated Services

Reference number

21-38C

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

The Government intends to deliver pensions dashboards through statutory provisions introduced by the Pension Schemes Act 2021, The Pensions Dashboards Regulations 2022 (as amended by The Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023), the Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority and corresponding legislation for Northern Ireland.

This legislation sets out the requirement for pension providers and schemes to connect to

the pensions dashboards system. It also empowers the Money and Pensions Service ("MaPS") , to provide the central digital architecture which will enable the pensions dashboards system to work.

The most recent amendment to the legislation, made in July 2023, replaced a phased approach for providers to connect to the dashboards system with a single statutory long-stop connection deadline of 31 October 2026 (the "Statutory Deadline").

MaPS is party to a Central Digital Architecture & Associated Services contract (the "Contract") with Capgemini UK PLC ("CG") to deliver the major components of the digital architecture, including the pension finder service (PFS), the consent and authorisation service, and the governance register, that will enable the system to operate.

The Contract was procured via a call off from RM3084 - Technology Services 2. The Contract was commenced on 3 September 2021 and is due to expire on 2 September 2026 (60 months). The contract as awarded contains two optional extension periods of 1 year each (that is, from 3 September 2026 to 2 September 2027 and from 3 September 2027 to 2 September 2028).

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

84

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

21-38C

### **Title**

Central Digital Architecture & Associated Services

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

3 August 2021

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

CAPGEMINI UK PLC

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

00943935

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £56,979,971

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Explanatory text for VII.2.2.1 Reason for modification:

The modification is permitted by Regulation 72(1)(b) Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("PCR 2015"). Additional services have become necessary for successful project delivery that were not included in the original contract, and, for technical reasons, it is not possible to change contractor without causing significant inconvenience and substantial duplication of costs. The percentage increase in value - approximately 26% - is within the range permitted under Regulation 72(1)(b) PCR 2015.

Text for VII.2.2.2 Description of reason:

Additional work is required under the Contract to develop the central digital architecture to include key components required to ensure that the programme can enable pension providers and schemes to meet their statutory obligations. Namely, to connect to the dashboards system by the Statutory Deadline, having regard to the staged timetable in guidance issued by DWP, and to maintain that connection.

This has resulted in new Statements of Work ("SoW") being awarded to Capgemini for the additional work required, charged as "time and materials", and an increase in value of £15,000,000 (approximately 26%).

Capgemini as the incumbent supplier is the only provider who can undertake these additional SOW under the Contract. This is due to technical reasons due to the requirements of interoperability with the existing ecosystem equipment and installations. Introducing an alternative provider for the additional services would require:

- knowledge transfer and upskilling, over a relatively short timescale, of the existing technology build that they would be doing additional development work on;
- a period of dual running of personnel during onboarding to enable knowledge transfer between roles; and
- additional management overhead, due to managing multiple suppliers for delivery.

MaPS is therefore satisfied that any change of contractor would cause significant inconvenience, delay and additional cost to the programme and would put the successful connection of pension schemes and providers by the Statutory Deadline at substantial risk.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

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#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

84

#### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£56,979,971

#### **VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

CAPGEMINI UK PLC

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

00943935

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Additional services are being added to the Contract, resulting in total contract value being uplifted by £15,000,000, a percentage increase of approximately 26%.

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

See VI.3) Additional information for full text.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £56,979,971

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £71,979,971